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1. MISSION OFFICER CONTACTED FRENCH PERMREP FISHERY
OFFICIAL LOTT APRIL 14 TO INQUIRE WHETHER GOF HAS YET
TAKEN DECISION CONCERNING PARTICIPATION IN SHRIMP RESEARCH
TAGGING PROJECT PROPOSED BY U.S. TEAM DURING VISIT TO
CAYENNE IN MARCH (REFTELS). LOTT RESPONDED THAT SUBJECT
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IS NOW UNDER STUDY IN PARIS AND THAT FRENCH ARE AWARE, ON
BASIS OF REPORT FROM CAYENNE PREFECTURE, OF STRONG U.S.
INTEREST IN CONVENING INITIAL MEETING THIS SUMMER.

2. LOTT SAID THAT THERE ARE, HOWEVER, SEVERAL ASPECTS
TO BE CONSIDERED. FIRST, THE COMMUNITY HAS, IN THE PAST,
REFUSED TO TAKE PART IN JOINT SCIENTIFIC STUDIES OF FISH

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STOCKS WITHIN ITS WATERS, ON THE GROUNDS THAT SUCH STOCKS REPRESENT INDIGENOUS EC RESOURCES AND ARE NOT THE CONCERN OF THIRD COUNTRIES (HE CITED THE CASE OF EC REFUSAL LAST YEAR TO ENGAGE IN JOINT STUDIES WITH THE SOVIETS ON HERRING STOCKS IN THE NORTH SEA). HE ALLEGED THAT THE U.S. HAS ITSELF TAKEN THIS POSITION IN THE PAST, REFUSING A COMMUNITY REQUEST FOR JOINT STUDIES OF MACKEREL AND HERRING STOCKS IN THE U.S. ZONE. BALANCING THESE FACTORS, LOTT SAID, IS THE FRENCH INTEREST IN CONTINUATION OF U.S. SHRIMPING ACTIVITY IN FRENCH GUIANA WATERS, WITH A VIEW TO KEEPING THE FRENCH GUIANA SHRIMP PROCESSING INDUSTRY IN OPERATION. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE FRENCH WOULD TAKE "LARGELY INTO ACCOUNT" THIS RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN U.S. OFFSHORE ACTIVITY AND CAYENNE ONSHORE ACTIVITY.

3. MISSION OFFICER POINTED OUT THAT BOTH GUYANA AND SURINAM SEEM TO BE IN FAVOR OF THE TAGGING PROJECT AND THAT THE U.S. HOPES FRENCH WILL ALSO AGREE TO TAKE PART, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF MIGRATORY NATURE OF SHRIMP STOCK. LOTT INDICATED THAT HE WOULD ADVISE MISSION OF ANY DECISION TAKEN IN PARIS. HINTON

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